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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SOME POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO BE ENCOURAGED IN GREECE

GREEK PRIME MINISTER MARKEZINIS HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS TO CONTACT FORMER PRIME MINISTER KANELLOPOULOS AND THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPOSITION LEADERS, EXCLUDING THE COMMUNISTS AND THE ROYALISTS, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMING POLITICAL PROCESSES. AMBASSADOR TASCA ALSO REPORTS THAT PAPADOPOULOS SEEMS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE PUBLIC RECEPTION THE PM HAS RECEIVED TO DATE IN THE WORLD PRESS AND WISHES TO BUILD UP HIS AUTHORITY. MARKEZINIS HAS EXPRESSED STRONG FEELING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD INCLUDE ATHENS ON ANY TRIPS TO THE AREA AND CITED HIS OWN INTEREST IN VISITING THE US. (SECRET) ATHENS 7076 AND 7078, 10/11. (EXDIS).

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2. IN TAM ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION, CONSCRIPTION RESULTS MEAGRE

A. CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER IN TAM ANNOUNCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF AN IMPROMPTU RADIO AND TELEVISION ADDRESS

OCTOBER 10 THAT HE HAD SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 6 BECAUSE OF CLANDESTINE DIVISIVE ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY PHNOM PENH COMMENTS THAT IN TAM UNQUESTIONABLY WANTS OUT, AND THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE ANXIOUS TO WIND UP HIS LARGELY FAILED GOVERNMENT. WHETHER THEY CAN GET HIM TO STAY ON IN THE COUNCIL, AS THEY HOPE, IS MOOT. (CONFIDENTIAL) PHNOM PENH 10997, 10/11.

B. EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPORTS THAT THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF ACTUAL CALL-UPS UNDER THE NEW CONSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN SEEM TO HAVE PRODUCED VERY MEAGRE RESULTS. HOWEVER, IN TAM'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FREE RICE RATION AND A TIGHTENING UP OF THE JOINT STAFF'S CONTROL MECHANISM WILL HOPEFULLY INCREASE THE YIELD. (SECRET) PHNOM PENH 10998, 10/11 (EXDIS).

3. EVALUATION OF TANAKA'S EUROPEAN VISIT

A. WARM WELCOME IN THE UK

EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS THAT JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WAS WARMLY RECEIVED IN THE UK AND HIS VISIT IS BEING TERMED A SUCCESS. THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DISCUSSED WERE THE EUROPE-JAPAN-US TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP AND WORLD ENERGY PROBLEMS. TANAKA TOOK NO INITIATIVES ON THE TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP, BUT EXPRESSED THE JAPANESE DESIRE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A US/EUROPEAN DECLARATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) LONDON 11759, 10/11.

B. ATMOSPHERE FRANK AND PLEASANT IN THE FRG

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EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THAT TANAKA'S VISIT WENT SMOOTHLY, BUT, AS EXPECTED, THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS HELD IN FAIRLY GENERAL TERMS, GIVEN THE BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION AND THE LACK OF PRESSING BILATERAL ISSUES. ONE CONCRETE RESULT OF THE VISIT WAS THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH A JOINT FRG-JAPANESE COMMISSION TO STUDY CO-OPERATION ON ENERGY PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 14771, 10/11.

C. MOSCOW: NO BREAKTHROUGH ON MAJOR PROBLEMS

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE TERM TANAKA'S VISIT A POSITIVE STEP, BUT RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES IN VISIT A POSITIVE STEP, BUT RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES IN RESOLVING THE MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE PEACE TREATY AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES. THE SOVIETS DID NOT SUCCEED IN CONCLUDING AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT OR IN GAINING JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR THEIR ASIAN SECURITY SCHEME. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 12566, 10/11. KISSINGER

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